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## **Arizona Department of Real Estate Approves EcoBroker Designation Courses**

Evergreen, CO – July 31, 2007 – Now Arizona real estate professionals are awarded continuing education credit for their admirable efforts to help consumers with green energy and environmental matters. The three online courses leading to the EcoBroker<sup>®</sup> Designation have earned the Arizona Department of Real Estate's seal of approval.

Arizona was recently identified as one of the fifteen leading states in the nation for construction of Energy Star® homes. Currently, more than 12% of new homes meet Energy Star standards in Arizona, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). And the timing couldn't be more perfect! Each EcoBroker® (www.ecobroker.com) works for consumers as the green ambassador. The EcoBroker utilizes the additional training to help the consumer take advantage of energy and environmental opportunities in real estate, and continues to promote and increase the number of Energy Star® homes for years to come. EcoBrokers® are real estate professionals trained to help sellers effectively market properties with green features and help buyers find properties, save energy and money, and live comfortably.

"The EcoBroker® designation program for licensed real estate professionals continues to attract the highest quality people in the real estate industry," says Dr. John Beldock, EcoBroker's CEO. "Day in and day out, the EcoBroker® is out there as the green ambassador, helping individuals, helping families, helping investors, encouraging affordability in housing through energy efficiency, renewable energy, and environmental protection. We're very proud of these professionals and the way they really help people."

Even prior to Arizona's approval of the EcoBroker green training curriculum, some of Arizona's best real estate professionals enrolled in and earned the EcoBroker<sup>®</sup> Designation to enhance the level of service they offer to real estate consumers. Arizona's Certified EcoBrokers<sup>®</sup> have used their additional training and expertise as an advantage in the marketplace, benefiting real estate buyers and sellers and the community.

The Arizona Department of Real Estate's approval is reflective of EcoBroker's ongoing commitment to provide high quality green real estate coursework and useful continuing education to real estate licensees across the U.S., and internationally.

EcoBroker International (<a href="www.ecobroker.com">www.ecobroker.com</a>), under the direction of the Association of Energy and Environmental Real Estate Professionals (<a href="www.aeerep.org">www.aeerep.org</a>), provides unique energy and environmental curriculum to licensed real estate professionals, leading to the EcoBroker Designation EcoBroker's mission is to broaden and improve the base of training and continuing education for real estate professionals, and in turn, the public. The EcoBroker curriculum encourages improvements to the quality of buildings, while reducing their impact on natural resources and the environment.

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